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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

AIPPERSPACH ET AL.

Examiner

Thuan Do

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 42-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 42-65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This final office action is responsive to amendment entered on 10/06/2006. Claims 42-65 are pending in this office action. Claims 1-41 have been canceled.

Claim objections

Claims 42, 54 the timing such as at least t, t1, t1+1, t2, t2+t1 in the amended specification dated 05/10/2006 and Figure 3A are the new matters to the current application.

The remaining dependent claims containing similar problem need to be corrected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. Claims 42-65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims 42, 54 contain new subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The timing such as at least t, t1, t1+1, t2, t2+t1 in the amended specification dated 05/10/2006 and Figure 3A are the new matters to the current application.

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been considered but not persuasive for the following reasons:

Applicant argues that the timing diagram in figure 3A is obvious as well-known to those skilled in the art.

Examiner examines the circuit in the figure 3 to find out that specification and original claims do not support the new amended areas, and analyses that the output from the input clock signal of the circuit in the figure 3 can produce different output diagrams from the timing diagram of figure 3A (or missing some or no diagram at all) because of possibility of timing reasons such as: the different delay time of each gate or combination of each gate group, the propagation of wiring delay, the cross-talk could destroy the signals and the internal calculation time of the gate. So the timing diagram of figure 3A is not obvious, therefore the new adding timing diagram and specification are considered as the new matter.

According to MPEP 2163.07 [R-3] to exempt from a new matter, the amended areas should meet one of 4 conditions:

- I. REPHRASING.
- II. OBVIOUS ERRORS.
- III. Inherent Function, Theory, or Advantage.
- IV. Incorporation by Reference.

The new adding areas of specification and claims do not meet any of those condition therefore the 101 rejection is maintained and made final.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory

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action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuan Do whose telephone number is 571-272-1891. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Chiang can be reached on 571-272-7483. The fax phone numbers for proceeding this application is 571 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 800-786-



Thuan Do
Primary examiner
11/18/2006